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1. The Polish campaign to recruit German skilled workers and handicraftsmen in the Russian Zone of Germany for resettlement in Poland and Polish-administered Germany appears finally to be meeting with some success. This is in contrast to the early Polish propaganda efforts, which produced scanty results.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment: According to [REDACTED], the early "recruiting speeches" 25X1A2g by Polish officers around Cottbus, Senftenberg, and Forst resulted in a great rush among the Germans to sign up. The latter were informed, however, that Polish interest was limited primarily to the return of German families which, after World War I, had left the areas now administered by the Poles.)

2. Willingness to remove to Poland is particularly evident among the Germans in the Lusatian areas of Saxony and Brandenburg, where it is rumored that the last mining installations will be so dismantled that earning a living will become impossible. As an example, thirty families in the miners' settlement of Freienhufen, which has a population of 2,000, volunteered to go to Poland on 23 September 1947.
3. Emigrant transports moving eastward leave from the station in Frankfurt a.d. Oder. One transport with 2,000 emigrants left here on 22 August 1947, and others were scheduled to follow on 22 September and 3 October.

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